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SUBJECT: ANTITRUST CONSULTATIONS

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1. DAVID GOLDSWEIG, AN ATTORNEY IN THE ANTITRUST DIVISION, US JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, WILL BE IN THE FRANKFURT AREA ON PERSONAL VISIT AS WELL AS ON OFFICIAL ANTITRUST DIVISION BUSINESS FROM JUNE 28 TO END JULY. DURING HIS STAY HE HOPES TO HAVE INFORMAL, VOLUNTARY CONSULTATIONS WITH SEVERAL WEST GERMAN COMPANIES IN CONNECTION WITH CURRENT ANTITRUST DIVISION MATTERS.

2. DEPARTMENT HAS SUGGESTED THAT MR. GOLDSWEIG CONTACT EMBASSY (SHIFFMAN OR WALSH) BEFORE GETTING IN TOUCH WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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THE COMPANIES. EMBASSY COULD THEN INFORM DR. KLAUS STAHL

OF FRG MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND/OR DR. EBERHARD GUNTHER OF FEDERAL CARTEL OFFICE IN BERLIN OF THE PROPOSED CONSULTATIONS. WE BELIEVE THOSE OFFICIALS WILL WISH TO BE HELPFUL IN APPROVING AND PERHAPS EVEN ARRANGING THESE CONSULTATIONS IN VIEW OF THEIR STRONG INTEREST IN A US/FRG ANTITRUST COOPERATION AGREEMENT. THE INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS PLANNED BY MR. GOLDSWEIG WOULD SEEM TO BE GOOD EXAMPLE OF THE TYPE OF COOPERATION ENVISAGED BY THE FRG OFFICIALS WHEN THEY PROPOSED THE AGREEMENT.

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE TO GOLDSWEIG AND BRIEF REPORT ON REACTION BY FRG OFFICIALS AND COMPANIES TO REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS. KISSINGER

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